

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 2435**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Security Criteria**

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Request for Reconsideration and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 13, 2011, Applicant submits the following Reply. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks and Arguments begin on page **14** of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.